

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter transmits for the consideration of the Congress a draft "Intelligence and Intelligence-Related Activities Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1981."

Cooperative efforts by the Executive and Legislative Branches in the authorization process have been indicative of the strong bonds that the Administration and Congress have forged in the development of meaningful congressional participation in the oversight of our nation's intelligence apparatus. I am confident that for fiscal year 1981 the Congress will provide the resources needed to enhance the Intelligence Community's ability to monitor the military activities of our adversaries and to provide insights into the political, economic, and social forces which will shape world affairs in the 1980's.

The draft Intelligence Authorization Bill is substantively similar to the Fiscal Year 1980 Act (P.L. 96-100). Consistent with Administration policy, Title IV contains a technical provision relating to compliance with Section 607 of P.L. 93-344, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The draft Bill also contains a provision which would authorize the Central Intelligence Agency to accept gifts and bequests. This provision is designed to enable the Agency to receive artistic works, books, funds for employee recreation activities, memorabilia, and the like.

I am hopeful that the Congress will heed the President's call for increased efforts to guard against damage to our crucial intelligence sources and methods, and will move forward with several separate pieces of pending legislation designed to safeguard intelligence capabilities without impairing the rights of Americans or interfering with legitimate congressional oversight.

Early and favorable consideration of the draft "Intelligence and Intelligence-Related Activities Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1981" would be greatly appreciated. The Office of Management and Budget has advised that enactment of this proposed legislation would be in accord with the program of the President.

Yours sincerely,

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